DEMOCRAT.

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CHARLOTTE, N. C.

May 28, 1872.

Democratic-Conservative Candidates.

FOR GOVERNOR, A. S. MERRIMON, of Wake. FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR. JOHN HUGHES, of Craven. FOR TREASURER,

JOHN W. GRAHAM, of Orange. FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL, VILLIAM M. SHIPP, of Mecklenburg. FOR SECRETARY OF STATE, JOHN A. WOMACK, of Chatham.

FOR AUDITOR, LEVENTHORPE, of Caldwell. PERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. RELS MENDENHALL, of Guilford. SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. H. SEAPARK, of Wake.

FOR CONGRESS, THOMAS S. ASHE, of Anson.

Hon. Thomas S. Ashe.

atleman whose name heads this paragraph nated as the Democratic-Conservative canfor Congress in this the 6th District. The dings of the Convention are published in full. ay that we are delighted with the nominade half expresses our gratification. Ever we could remember anything about prominent Carolinians, we have known Thos. S. Ashe on county, to be a high-toned honorable man, an old-line Whig of the purest sect, and who always discharged his duty in public ivate life without blemish or the slightest

re working against radicalism and dishonest kindly and elegantly.

him and hear him speak on public affairs.

and M. J. McSween of the Fayetteville ing to the audience. besides many other old friends and acquaint-

Mecklenburg County Convention.

e County Convention held in the Court House turday, the 18th inst., to nominate candidates bled for such a purpose. Gen. W. H. Neal ed and Thos. R. Waring and J. M. Watson d as Secretaries. Every Township in the counh was represented. e following nominations were made:

the Sounte-R P Waring. the Commons-Col. John Edmonds Brown

Sheriff—Marshal E Alexander. Transurer-S E Belk. Coroner-Wm P Little.

Register-Wm Maxwell. Surreyor-J E Moore. County Commissioners-Thos L Vail, R L rmond, W.H. Neal, Thos Gluyas and Dr M. M.

e are pleased with the action of the Convention, nating some of their competitors, yet we are satisfied, because everything was done

there are hundreds of Alexanders in this y, it is proper to attempt to identify Marshal lexander, the candidate for Sheriff, so that s may know which is which. He is the son of N. Alexander of Sharon neighborhood, about ars old, a native of the county, and was a galsoldier in the Confederate army.

are the Townships commenced ballotting, a was read from Capt. A. G. Neal declining to it his name to go before the Convention as a date for the House of Commons.

he next night, the 23d, in the same neighbor- | ination and re-election. he Smoke House of John Caldwell, Sr., was and burnt. He lost all his Bacon, Wheat, me other articles.

The Conservative Convention which assem-Wilkesboro on the 23d inst, nominated W. bins, Esq., of Rowan, as a candidate for Conom the 7th or Statesville District.

Hon. J. M. Leach was re-nominated for Con-22d inst., by the Conservative Conventhe fifth or Greensboro District. Compliresolutions endorsing his course were

Col. D. M. Carter has been nominated for ss in the First District by the Conservatives. Cobb is the Radical candidate.

Neill McKay, Esq., of Harnett, has been ated for Congress by the Republican Conventhe third or Fayetteville District.

as their candidate for Congress. By the passage of the Annesty Bill, the

ion H. Rodgers of the Wake District, has nitted to his seat.

We tender thanks to Hon. F. E. Shober for aluable public documents.

New Advertisements. and Lot opposite Carson & Grier's Store for

day (Monday) at auction, by J. E. Brown, or Trustee. and Mineral Springs will be open to visitors the 1st June nnets, Ribbons, Flowers, &c., just received B Koopmann.

and Summer Goods, second stock-McMur-, Davis & Co. V Glass, Putty, White Lead, Oils, Tollet aps. &c-W R Burwell & Co.

Varden" wash-tubs and wash-boards at the as Hardware Stores. Varden" Sewing Machines at Maxwell's, "Dolly Varden" Baby-Baskets at James

Mecklenburg Superior Court.

Judge Logan was promptly at his post on the 20th to open Court, but as the people generally desired to engage in the celebration of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, the Judge postponed the commencement of business until Tuesday the

The most important case tried last week was that from Lincoln county-Newton V. Chandler charged with committing rape upon Miss Mary Bradshaw-both white. W. P. Bynum, Esq., the able and efficient Solicitor, prosecuted, and Robt. D. Johnston and R. W. Sandifer defended the prisoner by appointment of the Judge. The evidence of the violated girl and her sister was positive against the prisoner and proved him guilty of a most brutal and outrageous crime.

At 4 o'clock on Saturday evening the jury returned a verdict of Guilty. The punishment is death.

20th of May in Charlotte.

Inasmuch as the celebration in this City occurred a week ago, and the details were published by our daily neighbors several days since, we deem it unnecessary to now fill our columns with a full account of the proceedings.

The Firemen of Charlotte deserve praise for the handsome manner in which the ceremonies were conducted. There were two Companies from abroad-one from Newbern, N. C., and one from Columbia, S. C.

Col. H. C. Jones was the orator of the day, and although the immense audience at the Fair Grounds prevented our getting near enough to hear his Address, we have heard it highly complimented by those who did hear.

The dinner, which was prepared by the Committee of Firemen and Ladies, is said to have been splendid. Although there were several thousand persons in the streets during the day, everything passed off pleasantly and satisfactorily.

20th of May at Alexandriana.

We learn that the celebration at Alexandriana on the 20th of May was a success, and those who atan all parts of the District we hear words of tended speak in terms of praise of the hospitality of val of the nomination; and, in fact, through- the people of that neighborhood. Of course such state it inspires hope and faith with those an intelligent community know how to treat visitors

Previous to the celebration no notice of it was we consider Mr Ashe's election certain, sent to the Democrat for publication, but the Editor is must work steady and hard to give him | would have attended as a volunteer if he had not majority, and we request that he himself | been detained in Charlotte on that day by business the campaign by visiting Catawba, Lincoln | which he could not postpone. We delight to do "a caston counties, where the people are anxious | hand's work" in the printing office, and we cannot leave home at all times.

We hear that Mr John R. Alexander did much SONAL.-We were pleased to meet in the and worked hard to make the celebration agreeable ast week, in attendance on the District Con- to all concerned, and that the speeches of Gov. n, our brother Editors, Dr. Ellis of the Hick- Vance, R. P. Waring, R. D. Graham, T B McDowfavern Eagle, Mr Knight of the Wadesboro ell and Paul B Means were appropriate and pleas-

Concert at the Charlotte Female Institute.

The lovers of music enjoyed a rare entertainment in the Concert of last Friday night, given by the young ladies of the Charlotte Female Institute and the members of the Charlotte Glee Club, under the members of the Legislature and County Officers, leadership of Prof. Baumann. The piece sung was one of the most respectable bodies we ever saw "Daniel," a sacred Oratorio of exquisite beauty, which was rendered in a style that reflects the highest credit upon all who took part in the exercises.

> Prof. Baumann, of course, presided at the Piano. It was sufficient for the community to know that he was at the head of the entertainment to ensure for the occasion a large and appreciative audience We heard the wish expressed by many that this

"Oratorio" would be repeated, and as we are informed by the Pastor of the Lutheran Church of this City, that funds are at this time greatly needed to enable the congregation to complete their new house of worship, we bespeak for that object a repe- a tangible reality.-Northern Paper. tition of the Concert at an early day.

tiring efforts to provide for his flock a neat and and the Confederate authorities generally for their will take delight in supporting and working for | comfortable place of worship; the worthiness, there- | freedom. | Lincoln and Congress offered to maintain ection of the nominees. No better men could fore, of the object, apart from the music itself, would slavery if the Contederacy would stop the war, but been nominated. Although we voted for tend to make the entertainment a success.

benefit of the Lutheran Church building.

Excellent Speech.

The Hon. J. C. Harper of the 8th North Carolina District, made a Speech in the House of Representatives on the 4th inst., on the condition of the Judge of South Carolina, made a speech recently at South and in refutation of the slanders on North Carolina and of the people of the Southern States generally. Mr Harper is a practical man, cautious and prudent, but firm and decided when he feels that he is right. We will hereafter publish some House Burnt.-On Wednesday night last, Harper took the field in the Mountain District and the Gin House of Mr Jno. N. D. Wilson, near | beat the Radical party. He was put forward be-Mills, Cabarrus county, was burnt, together | cause it was considered that he was the only man our bales of Cotton, tools, &c. Loss about who could redeem the District and secure the elec-Supposed to be the work of an incendiary. | tion of a true Conservative. | He deserves a re-nom-

County Executive Committee

The Chairman of the late Mecklenburg County Convention (Gen. W. H. Neal) has appointed the following persons as an Executive Committee for the Democratic-Conservative party:

Berryhill-Dr. I. W. Herron. Dencese-H. W. Stinson. Lemly-Dr. J. M. Wilson, Pare Creek-Geo. W. McDonald. Long Creek-R. D. Whitley. Mallard Crerk-B. H. Garrison, Clear Creek-J. C. Dennis. Morning Star-D. C. Hooks. Providence-H. M. Parks. Sharon-H. Reid. Pineville-J. Kirkpatrick. Crab Orchard-E. C. Wallis. Steel Creek-Dr. J. M. Strong.

Our friend, Col. J. C. Barnhardt of Pioneer The Radicals of the eighth Congressional Mills, Cabarrus county, sent us a beautiful crystal thave nominated W. G. Candler of Bun- formation of several inches in size, found on the lands of the late Sandy McKinley. It is transparently nor of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Indepen- chaser." white and ovalshaped-a nice ornament.

> We did not receive the proceedings of the Conservative meeting of Montgomery county until after the session of the District Convention. Therefore it is unnecessary to publish them now. The delegates from Montgomery were for the nomination of Major Dowd, but as his name was not put before the Convention they voted for Hon. Thos. S. Ashe. The same may be said of the delegates from Cabarrus and Stanley.

> HEAVY ON TAX-PAYERS.—Four or five worthless negroes, men and women, are boarding at public expense in Mecklenburg Jail for killing two babies -their own offspring. With baby-killing, chickenstealing, hog-killing, &c., the public is burdened with heavy expense. So much for reconstruction,

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the N. C. Railroad will be held in Raleigh on the patriotic, cautious, determined, order-loving Presby-11th of July. See notice.

The Ku Klux Trials, &c., at Raleigh.

The Raleigh Sentinel of last Wednesday, says "We learn that the U. S. authorities here have rented and prepared a house in which to confine kuklux prisoners that will be here at the June term of the Circuit Court, the jail being too small to accommodate them.

We learn that some two or three thousand persons (defendants and witnesses) have been summoned to appear at Raleigh in June on charges of belonging to the Kuklux organization or violating the Revenue law, and that many more arrests will be made before the Court meets.

It is a shame and disgrace to the authorities at Washington to take so many farmers from their homes at the most important season of the year and just at a time when it requires all the force possible to cut wheat and oats and save it from ruin.

stay there until their crops can be saved.

We entertained the hope at one time that the indictments would be quashed, or the cases postponed till Winter. As we were not individually implicated we petitioned and requested some of the Government officials to postpone the trials if they could not agree to quash the indictments. But we now see no prospect of such being done. Judge Bond is the man appointed to do the dirty work of making political capital for his master, Grant, and he will not lose the opportunity if he can help it. We don't often assail Judges, but we cannot help saying that we believe Bond to be a bad man-and we don't express such an opinion because he has punished many of those who were really guilty of midnight outrages-but on account of his manner of conducting the trials.

If President Grant or his District Attorney had any magnanimity, they would at least postpone the trials until Fall or Winter.

EARLY WHEAT .- We learn that our friend, Maj. J. M. Potts of Steel Creek, cut a lot of good ripe Wheat on the 22d of May-about six days earlier than the earliest heretofore reported in this section. The Wheat was planted on clover land, and two good crops of clover can be cut off the same field before time to plow in for Fall seeding. That's the way to farm and make farming pay.

Davidson College. Gen. J. B. Gordon, of Georgia, will deliver the

during Commencement week. N. C. College.

The Commencement Exercises of the N. C. College, at Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus county, will begin on Tuesday, May 28th. The Academic exercises will take place on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning; Literary contest between the Societies on Wednesday evening; Commencement and Address before the Literary Societies on Thursday morning, May 30th.

We are indebted to the President, Rev. L. A. Bikle, for a kind invitation to be present. We hope M Shipp for Attorney General, allowing one for there will be a large attendance, and we know that the good-hearted people of Mount Pleasant will take pleasure in extending a cordial welcome to visitors and do all they can to make them comfort-

The proposition to establish a new county called "Pamlico" out of portions of Craven and Beaufort, was defeated by the vote of Beaufort.

It has been contended that the colored people would show their appreciation of Mr Greeley's early labors in their behalf by giving him their unqualified support; but it was forgotten that while Mr Greeley may have done much in their behalf it was General Grant who struck the blow that rendered the emancipation proclamation of Mr Lincoln

Neither Greeley, nor Grant, nor Lincoln are en-We are sure that the Rev. Mr Aldrich has the titled to the credit of emancipating the negroes. sympathy of our community in his noble and un- The negroes should be grateful to Jefferson Davis the proposition was not acceded to, and hence We have been requested to suggest that, if con- slavery was abolished. Instead of the colored peovenient, Prof. Baumann repeat the Concert for the ple voting with the Republican party they should vote with the Democratic party and for Southern men-their best and truest friends.

Judge Mackey and the S. C. Ku Klux. Judge Mackey, the newly-elected Republican

Yorkville in which he said: "Within the past two weeks he had an interview with President Grant The President's greatest solicitude at this time seemed to be the condition of questing the Conservative papers of the District to affairs in the South. He had learned with extreme publish the proceedings, adjourned. Sorrow that the ku-klux organization was composed Z. B. VANCE, President. sorrow that the ku-klux organization was composed extracts from his speech. In the gloomy days Mr of men who had fought valiantly under the Confederate flag, which fact, with another, to-wit, that these men were under parole of honor to conduct themselves as law-abiding citizens, rendered the case more aggravating. The Judge said that on this point he informed the President that he had been misled; that he stated to President Grant that of all the ku-klux who had made confession or been tary of the Western Division of the Westconvicted in this State, he had been unable to learn of more than two who were honorable fighting

[FOR THE CHARLOTTE DEMOCRAT.] Charlotte Township-John L. Brown and H. C. The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

soldiers in the Confederate army. This information

was gratifying to the President, who had a wrong

impression of the matter, which it was his pleasure

ITS CERTAINTIES. of Great Britain was made by Mecklenburghers in session, is of such general interest, that we May, 1775. That Capt. Jack was sent to carry a publish it for the benefit of suitors and lawreport of this declaration to the Continental Congress then in session. That there are three documents now extant which severally claim to be "The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence." That two of these papers are supposed to have been issued on the 20th of May, 1775, and the third on the 31st of May, 1775. That all three papers differ from each other-the paper of the 31st being much the longest and the most minute in its provisions. or corporation wherein such estate is, either That the original records of the Committee of Safety for this county in 1775, were burned with the house of the Secretary, John McNitt Alexander, in 1802. That there is now no copy of these records, conveyance of such estate to such purdence, known as made prior to 1802. That no copy of any contemporaneous newspaper has been found with either of the papers of May 20th in it. That a volume of a Charleston, S. C., paper, printed there in 1775, and now preserved in a library of that City, has all of the declaration of May 31st, 1775, in it. That a Massachusetts paper, printed about the same assembled at a burying ground near Buie's time, has preserved a part of the same document.

1775, or even two. Whether the paper of May 31st could have followed either of those of May 20th. Whether the papers of May 20th are authentic

copies from the original records or only the fruits restraint." of a patriotic effort to reproduce the Declaration after the disaster of 1802. Whether men who have heard a long paper read on a public occasion can remember with precieion its language fifty years afterwards. Whether the paper of May 31st is not the most creditable of the three-the most truthful expression of the sentiments of its time, and the most likely to have emanated from those intelligent.

ITS UNCERTAINTIES.

The 6th District Congressional Convention.

The Democratic Conservative Delegates from the different counties composing the 6th Congressional District, assembled at Oates' Hall in Charlotte on Thursday the 23d inst., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress.

On motion of Col. J. E. Brown, Dr. J. H. Montgomery of Montgomery county, was appointed temporary Chairman, and F S DeWolfe of Mecklenburg, and Dr J R Ellis of Catawba, were requested

On motion of W J Yates, the list of counties was called, and it was ascertained that each one in the District was fully represented, the names of Dele-

gates being reported as follows: Mecklenburg-A Burwell, J Y Bryce, J E Brown, John L Brown, W J Yates, H C Jones, Z B Vance, S B Alexander, W H Neal, John Erwin, C H Elms, A H Griffith, R P Waring, J F Johnston, J C Flow, R S White, M L Wriston, John Rooke, W L Houston, G W Steele, R W McCombs, Dr J B Alexander, No matter what the charges are, if the defendants are now at home on bond they should be allowed to Alexander, W H H Houston, J L Morehead, E A Osborne, R D Johnston, D H Hill, J M Watson, S P Smith, D A Caldwell, John Wilkes, Josiah Asbury, J Roessler, Sampson Wolfe, Robt Gibbon, Charles Wilson, W F Cook, F S DeWolfe, John

Rigler. and W W Grier. Anson-S W Cole, J J Cox, J M Little, N Knight. Cabarrus-W C Means, N Slough, W A Smith, J M Long, Elam King, P B Means, D F Cannon, C G Montgomery, R S Harris, R W Means, W J Mont-

gomery.
Catauba-R B B Houston, A M Powell, S M Finger, M O Sherrill, R A Bost, J R Ellis, M Yoder, E L Sherrill, W Williams, Jas Campbell, J Cline, E

Gaston-J G Gullick, W A Stowe, J R Falls, J B Carson, Wm Wilson, Robert Sandifer, J F White, J G Lewis, Wiley Rudisill, E L Pegram, W T Shipp, Wm Abernathy, A W Davenport, W G Rutledge. Seagle, J A Robinson, E Childs, E Crowell, J A Caldwell, W H Motz, L E Thompson, W A Graham, J C Cobb, D Schenck, J Self, Dan'l Seagle, Sumner McBee, John G Justice, R A Brevard, Dan'l Finger, A Costner, H W Conner, Geo Phifer, B S Guion, M J Eudy, J F Hoke, M L Brown, C R Ramsour, K

Richmond-P D Walker, R L Steele, Alex Malloy, Walter L Steele. Robeson-R M Norment, Giles Leitch, Thos A McNeill.

Montgomery-J H Montgomery, C C Hilliard.

Stanley-A C Freeman, S J Pemberton, W H Hearne. Union-W H Simpson, H B Adams, C M T Mc-

R P Waring moved that one from each county be appointed on permanent organization. The Chair appointed J Cline of Catawba, J A Caldwell of Lincoln, J H White of Gaston, R P Annual Oration before the two Literary Societies Waring of Mecklenburg, Gen W C Means of Caat Davidson College, on the 26th of next June, barrus, A C Freeman of Stanley, C M T McCauley of Union, S W Cowles of Anson, R L Steele of Richmond, C C Hilliard of Montgomery, and Dr W S Norment of Robeson.

> Z B Vance as permanent President; J H White, Giles Leitch, S W Cowles, Gen W C Means, Vice-Presidents; F S DeWolfe, Dr J R Ellis, T R Waring, J M Watson, N T Knight and J G Lewis, Sec-A Committee waited on Gov. Vance and informed him of the action of the Convention. The Governor

The Committee, after a short recess, reported Hon.

appeared, and in a short speech accepted the posi-On motion of Col J M Long, the Convention adopted, as a basis for voting, the vote of Hon. W

every one hundred votes cast, and one for a fraction The platform of the Greensboro' Convention was adopted

The Convention then took recess until 2 o'clock P. M., for dinner. Convention re-assembled, and on motion of Col. Jones, proceeded to ballot for a candidate for Con-

The name of Col N A McLean was put in nomination by Giles Leitch of Robeson, Thos S Ashe by W J Montgomery of Cabarrus, H W Guion by H C Jones of Mecklenburg, M. L. McCorkle by R. B.B. Houston of Catawba, W. L. Steele by P.D. Walker of Richmond, J F Hoke by R W Sand, fer of Gaston.

The Convention voted as follows: Hon Thomas S Ashe-Anson 11, Cabarrus 10, Montgomery 5, Union 8, Stanley 6-total 40. H W Guion-Lincoln 8, Mecklenburg 22-total 30.

Col N A McLean-Robeson 17. M L McCorkle-Catawba 10. W L Steele-Richmond 8. Col J F Hoke-Gaston 10.

2D BALLOT. Thos S Ashe-Union 8, Stanley 6, Anson 11, Cabarrus 10, Catawba 10, Montgomery 5, Richmond H W Guion-Gaston 10, Lincoln 8, Mecklenburg

22-Total 40. Col N A McLean-Robeson 17.

Col H C Jones of Mecklenburg, seconded by Dr Norment of Robeson, and Col Long of Cabarrus, moved to make the nomination unanimous. Carried. The following gentlemen were appointed delegates to the Baltimore Convention: Z B Vance of Mecklenburg, and P B Means of Cabarrus, by ac-

Alternates-H C Wall, J Y Bryce, J C Mills. Col W L Steele was appointed District Elector. The Convention, after passing a resolution of thanks to the President and Secretaries, and re-

F. S. DEWOLFE,) Secretaries. J. G. LEWIS,

WESTERN N. C. RAILROAD.-We have just learned through G. M. Roberts, Secreern N. C. Railroad, that Maj. Rollins, President of the Road, has arrived, and reports that he has closed a lease with the Southern Railway Security Company, to build the road from Wolfe Creek to Asheville, and to Waynesville, N. C. This we regard as entirely reliable. - Asheville Pio-

JUDGMENT LIENS.-The following act, It is certain that a Declaration of Independence passed by the General Assembly at its late

> "No judgment shall be a lien on real estate against a purchaser thereof, for valuable consideration, without notice, unless it be docketed according to the third and fourth sections of this chapter in the county within ninety days next after the date of such judgment or thirty days before the

The Lumberton Robesonian says: "We learn that Stephen Lowrey and Andrew Strong, two of the outlaws, were present among a large congregation that store, in this county, on Sunday last, to hear a funeral sermon that was to have It is uncertain whether there were three Declara- been preached there on that day by Rev. tions of Independence made at Charlotte in May, N. M. Ray. The congregation numbered about 500 persons, and these men mingled freely among them without molestation or

Alluding to the report that Henry Berry Lowrey is still living, the Robesonian says: "On the contrary it is known here as a well established fact that Henry Berry Lowrey is dead-that he was shot and killed by his brother Stephen on the day after the robbery of Mr McLeod's safe in this town, 3 mouths ago."

Easter and Dyed Eggs.

Editor Charlotte Democrat :- I would like for you to explain in your paper, to many readers, what is the true meaning of Easter Sunday. Why people \$10,070—Dr. E. O. Elliott, the original proprietor, dye eggs on that day and why it comes sometimes being the purchaser. on the last Sunday in March and at other times in April, as far along as the 15th or 17th day.

Mecklenburg County, N. C.

A. W. L.

We referred the above to the writer of the answer below:

Mr. EDITOR:-To answer your correspondent fully would require more space than you would at confine an answer strictly to historical facts, point- Judicial officers in the South. ing him to the authors from whom the facts may be extracted, such as Landseer, Hyginus, Davie's Druids, "Grecian and Roman Mythology," Smith's Classical Dictionary, &c.

Easter is the most important of the movable feasts of the Romish and some other Churches. It is always the first Sunday after the full moon that first occurs on or after the twenty-first of March. It will | Turner; and on the 20th, M. B. Leech, J. be perceived, merefore, that the earliest day on which | W. Pursely and J. L. Pursely, leaving Easter can occur is March 22d, and the latest, April

The proper name of Easter is Astarte, a Goddess of ancient mythology. The worship of Bel and Astarte, says Lord Scott, was introduced into Britain along with the Druids, the "priests of the Groves." In the early Church a feast in commemoration of Christ's resurrection was called Pasch, and was | tiarv at Albany, New York, about the first preceded by no lent. Forty days' fast, or lent, was engrafted upon Christianity by Rome, and is traceable to the idolatry of Assyria, Egypt, and many

other nations igured in the Chaldean rites of idolatry. The ancient Druids bore a sacred egg as an emblem of their order. The Hindoos, Japanese and Chinese use colored eggs; and Wilkinson says that eggs ment in his case. - Yorkville Enquirer. were used in the idolatrous rites of the Egyptians Lincoln-B H Sumner, H E Ramsour, Monroe and Greeks. Hyginus tells the story of the egg thus: "An egg of wondrous size is said to have fallen from Heaven into the River Euphrates. The fishes rolled it to the bank, where the doves having settled upon it, and hatched it, out came Venus, who was afterwards called the Syrian Goddess," that is Astarte. Hence the egg became one of the symbols of Astarte, or Easter. Now the Romish Church adopted this mystic egg of Astarte, and consecrated it as a symbol of Christ's resurrection! of Government." and Pope Paul V appointed this prayer for the service: "Bless, O Lord, we beseech Thee, this Thy creature of eggs, that it may become a wholesome sustenance unto Thy servants, eating it in rememorance of our Lord Jesus Christ." I may write at some future time in further answer

to your correspondent. Beaufort, N. C., May, 1872.

FOR THE CHARLOTTE DEMOCRAT.

NEW YORK, May 23.

I learn from the late Agents of the Virginia Steamship Company, Messrs. Washington & Co., (North Carolina gentlemen residing here,) that large quantities of Sumac were shipped by their Steamers to this city, sometimes in lots of from 60 to 100 tons, mostly from Richmond, Va. This is a new article of Southern export, and I regret to have to add that it is not Southern, but Northern men, to whom the credit is due for inaugurating it.

Remembering how much of the Sumac I have seen growing wild and going to waste on the old fields in the good old North State, I concur with Messrs. Washington & Co. in thinking that the attention of her people ought to be called to its value. It is used, as of course many persons know, in tanning leather (except the berries, which are used for dyeing,) and the Virginia article is in good demand here at from \$70 to \$80 per ton. The best imported article sells for \$115 to \$120 per ton.

Messrs. Washington & Co. applied to the Journal of Commerce for information as to the mode of preparation for market, and elicited the following from that excellent paper:

"One of our city friends inquires, in behalf of a North Carolina correspondent, "about Sumac; what part of the shrub should be gathered, and when? How cured and prepared for market?" To which we answer: The part of the Sumac shrub which brings the highest price is the leaf, gathered in the Fall just before turning red, its quality being injured by allowing it to take on that color. The practice of treating the article varies somewhat The leaves are sometimes broken up by threshing, but unless care is taken to have a clean threshing floor the product gathers sand, and by consequence loses in quality. Another and better way is to strip off the leaves by hand, and grind them in a mill The berries must not be allowed to mix with the leaves. The leaf stalks, broken up fine, make a second quality of product, and the body of the shrub, down to the root, treated in the same way, a third. Whether ground, or merely broken up, it is packed in bags of eighty pounds or thereabouts, and of course brings the highest price in its most comminuted form.

I hope the North Carolina papers will, even in the midst of the excitement of the present political campaign, call the attention of their readers to the value of this shrub, which not only grows wild, but may be easily and profitably cultivated. Every new source of wealth, every object that can direct the industry of the people from entire devotion to the three or four great staples, should be regarded with favor. It is but a few years since the Fruit business, and then the Truck Gardening, were thought of, and they have not only been sources of wealth in themselves, but have withdrawn thousands from the cultivation of cotton, tobacco, the cereals, &c., to the great relief of markets glutted with those articles. This Sumac is another production which the women and children can gather.

CHARLOTTE MARKET, May 27, 1872.

REPORTED BY STENHOUSE, MACAULAY & Co.

COTTON-The demand for Cotton during the past week was brisk and active, and prices for the best grades have been fully sustained. We quote low middlings at 2114 cents and middlings at 2116 to 21% cents. Sales now very light, comprising for the week only 93 bales. The New York and Liverpool markets have been more active, with some advance in the former on future sales for the Summer months. Spot Cotton remains as formerly,

with light sales and feeble demand. Good Beef, Chickens, &c., in demand. Corn we quote at 95 cents to \$1 from wagons. Flour-Country Flour \$4.50 to \$4.60 for super,

\$4.75 to \$5 for family per sack. Western Flour in barrels, \$9.50 to \$12. Bacon-Country Bacon, hog round, 11 to 111/2 cents, Western 81/2 to 9 cents.

Fresh Butter 15 to 20 cents; Chickens 25 to 30 cents; Eggs 14 to 15 cents. Liverpool Salt \$2 per sack. Gold, buying rate, 113; selling rate, 11416.

Silver, buying rate, 106; selling rate 110.

List of Letters Remaining in the Post Office at Charlotte on the 27th of May, 1872 :

A—Lewis Adams. B-George Boile, D F Beam, Isaac Baker. C-M L Chatham, Joseph Cosby, R J Carr. D-Miss Luty Dent, M T Dill, Dr. J W Depass. F-Miss R Funderburg. G—D Geages, Dr. John Graham. H-Mrs. T H Holden, Benjamin Hopes, Calvin

Hering, Miss M S Harrison, J R Hand, Elias K-John H Keenan. L-J W Lawrence.

M-Samuel Maciane, Annie McMurray, Mollie A Morris, Sarah McCaughay. N-Alice Nelson, Robert Neely O-Alex Orr, Agt. Oates' Op. Troupe. P-Grev Perkins.

R-Bill Rankin. S-Miss Jennie Smith, T A Smith, T-Rev. Z H Tillinghast, Robt Taylor, Samuel

CHAS, A. FRAZIER, P. M.

W-Charley Withers, T F Wood.

When called for please say "advertised."

IMPORTANT SALE .-- The Sparkling Cataw ba Springs property, heretofore advertised for sale,

We learn that the Springs will be opened for visitors about the 20th of June.

The General Amnesty Bill is now a law, and we publish it in another column. Everybody is pardoned except members of the 36th and 37th Congress, (being the Congresses just preceeding the present devote to the subject. I shall, therefore, war,) and officers of the Army and Navy and U. S.

> THE YORK (S. C.,) MILITARY PRISONERS. -There have been no recent arrests. On the 16th, P. W. Randall and Sam'l Randall were released on bond; on the 17th, E. A. eleven yet in confinement.

By a private letter we learn that twentysix of the persons recently sentenced at Charleston for violations of the "enforcement act," will be removed to the penitenof June. They will go by steamer to New York, under charge of Marshal Wallace. It is understood that all of the prisoners from The dyed eggs of Easter, says Bryant's mythology, this county will be sent to Albany except Seapaugh, who was not sentenced in consequence of a motion for an arrest of judg-

> A GOOD PLATFORM.—In a recent issue of the New York Tribune Horace Greeley used

"The biggest thing before the people is the question of honest men against thieves. What the country needs and imperatively demands is a reform in the administration

These words were penned by Horace Greeley before he was nominated by the Convention at Cincinnati. They are the words of soberness and truth; and they constitute a good platform of themselves.

MARRIED.

In this county, on the 28th ult., by Thos. Gluyas, on the 19th inst., by the same, Mr F. M. Phillips and Miss M. Lawing-all of Paw Creek Township. On the 12th inst., Mc Thos. N. McGee and Miss Emeline Jones, all of Catawba county. Near Cowan's Ford, at the residence of Mrs. R. C. Potts, on the 15th inst., Mr John L. Jetton and

Miss Mary A. Potts. In Newbern, on the 20th inst., William Colligan, Esq., and Miss Margaret Kirwan. In Yanceyville, on the 14th inst., Mr Robert L. Roan and Miss Ella A., daughter of Col. Robert B.

In Winston, on the 19th inst., W. W. Poindexter and Miss Adda Renigar-all of Yadkin.

DIED

In this City, on Saturday morning the 18th inst., Miss Della Moore, aged 34 years. She had long been afflicted, but suffered with christian patience and humble resignation, awaiting the will of her Heavenly Father to be removed from earth to the abode of the Saints who have gone before. As a devoted member of the Episcopal Church and a and and gentle member of a large family circle, her eath is an irreparable loss.

In Newbern, on the 20th inst., Mrs. Emma E. laughter of the late D. W. Bell, and wife of H. B. Washington, Esq., aged 22 years. In Lenoir, Caldwell county, on the 18th inst., Mrs. Jane Grant, aged 55 years.

CLEAVELAND MINERAL SPRINGS. (FORMERLY WILSON'S,)

Near Shelby, 55 miles West of Charlotte. White Sulphur, Red Sulphur and Chalybeate Water, The Hotel will be open for the reception of visi-

tors on the 1st of June.

Passengers coming on the Wil., Char. & Ruth Railroad will be met by hacks. T. W. BREVARD, Proprietor.

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Jan. 9, 1871.

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